

Citizenship in the World Merit Badge

Hidden Oaks Nature Center

Citizenship in the World is a 5 hour class. Scouts should bring a snack and plenty of water. Please no red liquids.

What to bring:

- Blue card, pen and pencil.
- Snack and water.
- Prework.

Pre work

3 a. Pick a current world event. In relation to this current event, discuss with your counselor how a country's national interest, history, and its relationship with other countries might affect areas such as its security, its economy, its values, and the health of its citizens.

AND

3b. Select a foreign country and discuss with your counselor how its geography, natural resources, and climate influence its economy and its global partnerships with other countries.

7. Do TWO of the following and share with your counselor what you have learned:

- a. Visit the Web site (With your parent/guardian's permission) of the U.S. State Department. Learn more about an issue you find interesting that is discussed on this Web site.
- b. Visit the Web site (With your parent/guardian's permission) of an international news organization or foreign government, OR examine a foreign newspaper available at your local library, bookstore, or newsstand. Find a news story about a human right realized in the United States that is not recognized in another country.
- c. Visit with a student or Scout from another country and discuss the typical values, holidays, ethnic foods, and traditions practiced or enjoyed there.
- d. Attend a world Scout jamboree.

e. Participate in or attend an international event in your area, such as an ethnic festival, concert, or play.

Parents: Some topics discussed during the Merit badge might be controversial.

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